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TO THE VICTOR.

"To the victors belong the spoils," glibly quotes a Home Ruler. It is not ability or fitness for office that is required, but simply office. It is a half statement which certainly commends itself by its frankness. As to the government of the Territory or its management, that is a purely secondary consideration in the Home Rulers' mind. If it is a consideration at all, "Spoils" is the watch word, the end and aim of the party. Even Tammany in New York has some compunction about giving publicity to such an aim, and talks of good government, and reform and improvement. It has some little shame left and strives to cover its naked body of greed, with some squalid rags of honesty and self respect. It has remained for the Home Rule party to come naked into the full light of day and confess that "spoils" is what was and is the mainspring of the party. It is primitive, it takes us back to thoughts of the Garden of Eden. Primitive nature, the power of being naked and not ashamed is after all something to be admired.

But taking these gentlemen on their own ground are they the victors? Has the Home Rule party swept the States? Is the President a Home Ruler? Is he wedded to the policy of anything to beat the men who make money, pay their debts and live cleanly? As far as one can judge it was not the Home Rule party that carried the last election, it was the Republican party. The President of the United States is a Republican. Naturally the President appoints Republicans. If the Democratic party had been triumphant at the last election, it would have been a different story as far as Republicans might be concerned. Federal offices would be filled up by Democrats, and Democratic influence as to local offices would be paramount. One fails to see however where the Home Rule party would have come in, even if it had chosen to call itself upon reconsideration the Independent Home Rule Democratic party, which it most surely would have done if the Democrats had been in the ascendancy. The fact is that the Home Rule party, with the keen and hungry desire for office, occupies the unpleasant position of being neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red herring, though it is ready to call itself any one of these, if "spoils" can be obtained. Curiously the political world does not want fowl, when it calls for red herring, and it detects the flavor at once, if the one tries to masquerade as the other.

A Republican Governor of a Territory is politically bound to appoint Republicans to office. A Democratic Governor of a Territory is politically bound to appoint Democrats to office. If a local cabal springs up, neither is bound to recognize it. The Governor of a Territory represents the political views of the President who appoints him, and he must by earnest endeavor and reward keep the true members of his party together. He must see that no man or set of men are appointed to office who do not belong to his party.

The Governor of a State is in a totally different position. He is elected, and upon the vote that elected him he acts. If he was elected upon the straight Republican or the straight Democratic ticket, he will distribute his patronage accordingly. If a fusion ticket elected him, patronage would be divided. Again a third party, a freak party, might elect him, and the patronage would go to the freaks.

But in a Territory there is no room for freak parties. It must either be straight Republican, straight Democrat, or Fusion. The only result of a freak party is dead lock, and the Governor of a Territory can stand the dead lock a great deal better than the freak party. This is the position of the Home Rulers today. To down the whites and give all the offices to Hawaiians is no policy of the Republican party. The Governor as representing the Republican party in the Territory cannot consider any such policy. What if the majority of the Senate turn down all the Governor's nominations, he can, when he chooses, make other nominations, but they certainly will not be nominations dictated by the Home Rulers.

If the Home Rulers want recognition they must get it through the Republican Central Committee. If they truly join the Republican party, they must accept the platform of that party, and work in harmony with that party. To turn a flip flap, as was done the other day and call themselves alphabetical Republicans, does not by any means make them so. The spoils are far off.

DANGER ON BOTH SIDES.

Both Federal and Territorial Health authorities will have to exercise the utmost vigilance in preventing disease from creeping into our little Territory. From all directions comes news that both plague and small pox are prevalent. From the mainland side we have

to guard against small pox, which has become epidemic in some of the states. No one can tell how this may not be smuggled in. A person leaving Colorado or Kansas might have the seeds of it in the system, and it might not develop till after arrival. This is where the danger lies. Whatever the care and vigilance exercised by the Marine Hospital authorities, it is impossible to guard against such a contingency.

It then becomes the duty of the territorial officials to guard and to watch within the territorial boundaries. The utmost care should be taken to examine into the causes of death of those who have not been attended by a regular physician. The Star believes that there has been an immense improvement in this direction within the last year or so, but it is possible for the best officials to grow slack, and this is no time for slackness.

But if we have to guard small pox from the mainland, we have to guard against plague and small pox from the Orient. We need not trouble about plague in India, or Cape Colony. We have no direct communication with them. But plague in Hong Kong, in Peking, in Japan intimately affects us. We are practically in direct communication with these places. Small pox too is prevalent in all these places, and it is also very prevalent in Manila. Every transport that comes through is likely to bring its quota of small pox patients. It is a very serious situation.

We are not likely again to get into a frantic state of fear should either small pox or plague be introduced, nor are we likely to, nor can we, go to the expense we formerly have to fight the diseases. We shall have to be content with the less drastic methods which obtain in other places. But to get rid of the diseases will be costly under any circumstances, and if they once get a foothold they will affect the tourist trade which is of the utmost importance to our retail dealers, and many of our local enterprises.

That with so much menace we shall escape scot free during these coming summer months, seems too much to hope. We must, however, not run off in sudden alarm should a case of either disease appear. We must trust to the good sense and the good management of the Board of Health. The lesson of the past will not be forgotten. We have paid dearly for our experience, we must now expect to reap our reward in increased vigilance and better handling of any out break that may occur.

Today is the Governor's birthday. He has the good wishes of many friends for a continued life of usefulness and honor in the future, as in the past.

There have been two attempts to get a joint session, but the success has been somewhat limited. On each occasion it has appeared to the outsider to be a joint secession.

The gambling bill got its deserved quietus last night. We shall hear no more of it for this session and two years hence we will hope that freak legislation will no longer be forced upon our attention.

Walluku is bestirring itself to capture the county seat and has sent in a petition to the Legislature to get Lahaia put in the background. It looks as if it were no go for Walluku. Senator White with his flow of poetic speech has held Lahaia for twenty years past, and is not going to let go now.

The Bow Wong Society has something to say for itself in reply to Dr. Sun. The main difference between these two parties is that the Bow Wongs hope to regenerate China through cleaning up the present machinery, while Dr. Sun's Young China party wants to break up the whole of the present machinery, sweep it into the ash heap of broken ideals, and start entirely afresh. The Young China party is the nihilistic form of Chinese regeneration. The Bow Wongs are the conservative revolutionists.

Miss Davison, who has been appointed Commissioner to Buffalo to represent the Educational Bureau of the Territory, is eminently fitted for the position. Miss Davison is a part-Hawaiian, received the whole of her education in the city schools, and taught successfully as principal of the Manoa School, which she raised from a chaotic condition into a well equipped and progressive institution. Her executive ability was recognized and she was appointed Assistant Secretary and School Agent for the district of Honolulu, which offices she has filled most satisfactorily. Miss Davison thoroughly understands the working of the department, and will be able to give all information about Hawaiian education to those who visit the education exhibit in Buffalo. The Bureau and the Territory at large will be fortunate in being so well represented.

The Legislature is nothing, of not modest. It appropriated \$45,000 for its expenses, a sum far in excess of any that previous Legislatures have required. This large sum, which was equivalent to \$750 per day, is now found to be insufficient, and it is claimed that \$20,000 will have to be appropriated. This will bring up the cost of the Legislature to \$65,000 or somewhat more than \$1,000 per day. Whether the citizens have got their money's worth for the lavish expenditure, remains to be seen. So far the success of the majority seems to consist in having laid hands upon and spent this sum, and in getting upon the statute book the repeal of the tax upon lady dogs. In fact this might be dubbed the Lady Dog Legislature. Of course there are rude people who might call it something else, but Lady Dog Legislature sounds rather prettily.

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